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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of September 8, 2004, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the invention of Group I (Claims 1-11 and 21-24), with traverse. Applicants make this election with traverse because Claim 1 is generic to the species illustrated by FIGS. 2 and 3 and the subject matter of Claim 12. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that inventions I and II are not related as combination and subcombination. Instead, Claim 12 covers at least one species of the clock driver recited by Claim 1 (see, e.g., clock driver 100' in FIG. 3), which makes Claims 1 and 12 related as genus and species. Applicants respectfully submit, therefore, that the claims of invention II (Claims 12-18 and 19-20) be examined with the claims of invention I (Claims 1-11 and 21-24).

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